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POSSIBILITY OF MORE HUMANITARIAN CASE RESOLUTIONS

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1. ON APRIL 19, EMBOFF ENCOUNTERED AMBASSADOR AUGUST KLOBES, DIRECTOR, CONSULAR DEPT., MFA AT AUSTRIAN RECEPTION, AND TOOK OCCASION TO SAY THAT EMBASSY HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO NOTE RECENT RESOLUTIONS OF SOME U.S. HUMANITARIAN CASES. HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE MORE OF THE SAME FROM NOW ON.

2. KLOBES REACTED GENIALLY, SAYING THAT HE WAS "DELIGHTED" ("ERFREUT") THAT WE HAD BOTH NOTED THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND THAT EMBOFF AHD COMMENTED IN SUCH A MANNER ABOUT THEM.
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HE THEN COYLY ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE "WAS ONLY THINKING OUT LOUD"("MEINE MEINUNG NUR ZUM AUS-DRUCK KOMMEN LASSEN"), HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF WE SAW SIMILAR THINGS OCCUR IN THE FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE EMBASSY OPENED THAT KLOBES OR ANY CONSULAR DEPT.

OFFICIAL HAS INTIMATED THAT MORE CASES WOULD BE RESOLVED IN THE FUTURE. HE CERTAINLY REACTED MORE PLEASANTLY AND WAS TALKING MORE POSITIVELY ABOUT FUTURE RESOLUTION THAN IN CONVERSATION SAME EMBOFF HAD WITH HIM IN OCTOBER , 1976 (SEE REF. C).

4. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE ON THESE "APRIL CASES" SUGGESTS A GDR DESIRE TO GET ITS HOUSE SOMEWHAT MORE IN ORDER PRIOR TO BELGRADE AS A PRIME MOTIVE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPRESSING SATISFACTION ON THESE CASE RESOLUTIONS TO GDR EMBASSY OFFICIALS. WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE AMENDING THE PROPOSED APRIL "NON-PAPERS" TO EXCLUDE RESOLVED CASES WHEN WE HAND THEM OVER ON APRIL 25, ACCORDING TO LATEST INFORMATION.

5. WITH REGARD TO KLOBE'S GENERALDEMEANOR, WE HAVE HEARD THAT HE HAS BEEN IN POOR HEALTH RECENTLY. HE DID NOT LOOK WELL. HE CERTAINLY HAS NOT BEEN HIGHLY VISIBLE ON THE SOCIAL CIRCUIT. ON APRIL 19, HE CONFINED HIS LIQUID INTAKE TO FRUIT JUICES CONTRARY TO HIS USUAL HEAVY DRINKING. POLANSKY

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